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Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center to Dedicate New Book Collection
Ceremony Honors Critical Role of Veteran Educator

BALTIMORE, MD – (February 23, 2007) Donald W. DeVore, Secretary for Maryland's Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is pleased to announce the Alfred D. Noyes Children's Center will be hosting a dedication ceremony today in memory of Daphne R. ("Dee") Sandin. The ceremony will be held at the Noyes Children's Center in Montgomery County located at 9925 Blackwell Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

The ceremony will formally dedicate a new book collection in memory of Ms. Sandin who died in 2006. From 1983-2001, Ms. Sandin served as the Education Coordinator at the Noyes Center. During this time period the Noyes Center education program was the responsibility of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). Ms. Sandin played a critical role in providing troubled youth with education and access to resources those youth needed to be successful.

This project was initiated by Martha Young, Alternative Programs Specialist for MCPS, in coordination with Carolann Britton, Assistant Principal at the Noyes Center. More than 600 new paper-back books were purchased for this collection using funds donated by colleagues, friends, and the family of Ms. Sandin. Contributors and officials of DJS and MCPS will be in attendance.

Pleased that such a ceremony is taking place, Secretary DeVore said, "DJS is very appreciative of this generous donation. This is a very gracious and unselfish measure on behalf of Ms. Sandin, who was very supportive of the Department and the children at Noyes. The books will be very well utilized, as we know that reading is fundamental for the success of our youth and their futures."

The ceremony will take place today from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Noyes Children's Center.

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